

REMARKS

The following remarks are filed in response to the final office action dated March 30, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application.

At the time of the final office action dated March 30, 2005 claims 1-9, and 12-22 were pending in the application. In the final office action, claims 7-9, 12-20 and 22 were allowed, claims 1, 2 and 4 were rejected, and claims 3, 5, 6, and 21 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the present amendment, claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 2-4, 6 and 21 have been amended. Reconsideration of the claims 2-9 and 12-22, as amended, is requested.

Claims 3, 6 and 21 have each been amended to be independent claims including all limitations of their original base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 3, 6, and 21 should therefore be allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

Claim 5 depends from claim 3 and therefore should be allowable as a dependent claim.

Claims 2 and 4 have been amended to depend from claim 21 and should therefore be allowable since they now depend from an allowable claim.

In view of the present amendment, the Applicant submits that claims 2-9 and 12-22, as amended, are allowable and requests that a notice of allowance be issued.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 50-1515, Conley Rose, P.C.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application as amended is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful in expediting the application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2288.

Respectfully submitted,

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